



Saint Brigid's Parish

Pastoral Community of South and East Belfast

The Nativity of our Lord

25th December 2022, Year A, Psalter Week 1

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The Nativity of our Lord

First Reading: Reading from the prophet Isaiah Is 9:1-7
The Son is given to us.

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 5:1-3.11-13

R/. Today a saviour has been born to us; he is Christ the Lord

Second Reading: Reading from the letter of St Paul to Titus Ti 2:11-14
God's grace has been revealed to the whole human race.

Gospel: Gospel according to Luke Lk 2:1-14
Today a saviour has been born to you.

Anniversary List

Please pray for Sandra Henderson and Patricia Rogers (nee Rutter) recently deceased, Ann Brennan whose month's mind it is and for all those whose anniversaries occur at this time: Noeleen McLoughlin, Margaret Hannon, Dick and Molly Herbert, Joseph Fahey, Pat MacAllister, Florence McGeown, Declan O'Neill, Imelda Kennedy, Michael O'Brien, Rose and Patrick Doran, Eileen McCrory, Maura Agnew, John and May Hopkins, Marie Nicholas, Harry and Rose Bent, Anne and Seamus Mearain, Josephine McCann, Mary Rose Heatherington

May they rest in peace

The Liturgy

Sunday Mass

Saturday: 6.00 pm (Vigil Mass)

Sunday: 9.30 am
12.00 noon

Weekday Mass

Monday: 7.00 pm
Tuesday: 9.30 am
Wednesday: 9.30 am
Thursday: 9.30 am
Friday: 7.00 pm
Saturday: 12 noon



(See Christmas Week Mass times below)

Confession

Monday: 7.30 pm – 8.00 pm
Friday: 6.30 pm – 7.00 pm
Saturday: 12.30 pm – 1.00 pm &
5.30 pm – 6.00 pm

Baptisms

1st & 3rd Sunday of the Month at 1.30pm
Please contact the Parish Office to book

Marriages

At least 6 months' notice required prior to date of Marriage.
Please contact Fr O'Donnell

Eucharistic Adoration

Monday: 7.30 pm – 8.00 pm

PARISH OFFERTORY COLLECTION

Weekly Collection 18th December: £5633.12



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Thank you for your continued support

Bulletin Notices and Anniversaries

Bulletin Notices should be with the Parish Office by **12 noon on Thursday** to be included in the weekend bulletin.



Sunday Homily

Fr O'Donnell's Homily is available to read and listen to each Sunday morning on our Parish Website. Please visit the link > [Sunday Homilies](#)

Mass Times During The Christmas Season

Christmas Eve **12 Noon**
 6.00 pm (Outdoor/Carpark)
 9.00 pm (Indoor)

Christmas Day **9.30 am** and **12.00 Noon**



St Stephen's Day: 12 Noon
(Monday 26th December)

Tues 27th – Fri 30th Dec: 12 Noon (Daily)

New Year's Eve: 12 Noon and 6.00 pm

New Year's Day: 9.30 am and 12 Noon

All indoor Masses will be livestreamed over Christmas to our YouTube Channel.



The Epiphany of the Lord

Friday 6th January

Mass Times: 7.00 pm Vigil (Thursday)
 9.30 am



Parish Office Christmas Holidays

The Parish Office will be closed from 1.00pm on Friday 23rd December and reopen Tuesday 3rd January at 9.00am

Wishing everyone a Wonderful Christmas and a Happy New Year!

Fr Edward O'Donnell, Fr Dominic McGrattan and Deacon Brett Lockhart would like to wish all the Parishioners of St Brigid's all the Blessings of the Christmas Season and a Very Happy New Year!

A Christmas Poem

We listen to the story again:
An exotic visitor
Comes to a countrygirl
In a mountain town
And nine months afterwards
God's wisdom is a footling child.

Shepherds arrive to the place,
Summoned by music;
And scholars from some distant part,
Tracking a light.

But why did not the sun, for awe,
Lose its footing in the sky?
Why did seas not charge across the astonished land?
Why did every horse in every paddock everywhere
Not break into delirious chase?
By what foul means were linnets stilled?

And how can we,
Loving so little,
Fettered by knowledge,
Believe in such excessive love?

Pádraig J. Daly

GIFT 1 – Growing in Faith Together

GIFT 1 programme will start back this Sunday, **15th January** from **6.30pm – 8.00pm in the Parish Hall**. The programme will run for 4 consecutive weeks finishing on Sunday 5th February 2023. GIFT 1 is for Children in Year 8. If you would like your child to join please contact the parish office for a consent form. Parents who have already signed up will be contacted in the new year.

The theme for GIFT 1 is:

“You are loved and chosen”



If you have not been involved in the GIFT programme and would like to join, please get in touch with the Parish Office. We look forward to meeting our new GIFT members and parents in the new year!

*From all of GIFT we would like to wish you and your families
a Happy Christmas and Peaceful New Year!*

After School Enrichment Programme

After school enrichment programme will begin from 9th January 2023 in St Bride's Hall. The programme is suitable for children aged between 9-14. Visit www.educationbydesign.co.uk to learn more.

Unlocking the Mystery of the Bible

Unlocking the Mystery of the Bible includes 8 sessions (6 weekly online sessions and concluding with a retreat day in Belfast which will incorporate the final 2 sessions.) The programme will be facilitated by Fr Paul Byrne & Aishling Steen. Course participants will receive a resource pack and gather together online each week for a time of teaching, discussion and prayerful reflection.

Beginning **Monday 9th January @7pm for 6 weeks online via zoom**. The Retreat Day will take place on **Saturday 18th February**. The cost of the program is £30.

This Course will also be available **in person at Tobar Mhuire Retreat and Conference Centre**, Crossgar, Co. Down. **Beginning Tuesday 10th January @7pm**. The cost of the program is £30. (*Limited spaces available*)

For more information or to book please contact livingchurch@downandconnor.org or Telephone: 02890690920

School Open Days 2023

St Louise's Comprehensive College

Wednesday 11th January 2023 (Principal's Address 4.30pm & 6.30pm)
(all Primary 6 and 7 pupils are welcome)

St Malachy's College

Wednesday 11th January and Thursday 12th January 2023
Principal's Address: 7.00 pm both evenings

St Genevieve's High School

Thursday 12th January 2023 from 1.00 pm – 3.00 pm
(all Primary 6 and 7 pupils are welcome)

St Mary's Christian Brothers' Grammar School

Thursday 12th January 2023 from 7.00pm – 9.00pm
Principal's Address: 8.30pm

Aquinas Diocesan Grammar School

Saturday 14th January 2023 from 9.00am – 1.00pm
Principal's Address: 9.30am & 11.30am (P6 and P7 pupils all welcome)

St Dominic's Grammar School

Saturday 14th January 2023 from 9.30am – 1.00pm
Principal's Address: 9.30am & 11.00am (P6 and P7 pupils all welcome)

Dominican College Fortwilliam

Saturday 14th January 2023 from 9.30 am to 1.00 pm
Principal's Address: 9.30 am & 11.00 am (P6 and P7 pupils all welcome)

Rathmore Grammar School

Saturday 20th January 2023 from 9.30am – 1.00pm
(Principal's Address at 9.30am & 11.15am)

For additional information on Open Days please contact the School or College